

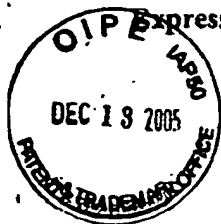
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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **August 16, 2005**, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **December 16, 2005**. Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge \$510.00 for three months Extension of Time for Response (37 C.F.R. § 1.17, Small entity) to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03916.0003.NPUS00. Additionally, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03916.0003.NPUS00.

REMARKS

Restriction Election

The Examiner has required restriction to one of three groups under 35 U.S.C. §121.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-3, and 6 drawn to a method of determining the propensity of a test compound to cause depletion of reticulocytes in a subject classified in class 435, subclass 4.

New claim 7 has been added, which is dependent from claim 1. Support for this new claim can be found throughout the instant specification, in particular, in paragraph [0091], on page 33. No new matter is introduced. Applicants submit that the new claim is within the scope of the presently elected Group I and accordingly, request that they be examined together with Group I.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute claims directed to the remaining allegedly distinct groups in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

Please note that the Power of Attorney is Howrey LLP as shown in the combined Declaration and Power of Attorney submitted August 20, 2004. Please update the correspondence address accordingly. Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 463-8304.

Respectfully submitted,



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